

closing the achievement gap. Charter schools are getting results and helping guide children across the country on the path to a better life.

This week we thank educational entrepreneurs for supporting charter schools, and we honor all those involved in charter schools for helping their students reach high expectations.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 29 through May 5, 2007, as National Charter Schools Week. I applaud our Nation's charter schools and all those who make them a success, and I call on parents of charter school students to share their success stories and help Americans understand more about the important work of charter schools.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on May 1.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

April 23

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. Then, in the Situation Room, he participated in a briefing by Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, commanding general, Multi-National Force—Iraq.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson to discuss the findings of the Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes.

April 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Charles "Chick" Lemonick.

Later in the afternoon, the President toured Harlem Village Academy Charter School and met with students, parents, and teachers to discuss charter schools. Later, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, he participated in an interview with Charlie Rose of PBS's "Charlie Rose." He then met with Gov. Eliot Spitzer of New York.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President attended a Republican National Committee dinner. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt of Sweden to the White House on May 15.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will travel to Heiligendamm, Germany, to attend the G-8 Summit on June 6-8. Prior to the Summit, the President will visit Prague, Czech Republic, on June 5 for meetings with President Vaclav Klaus and Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic. Following the G-8, the President will travel to Jurata, Poland, on June 8 for a meeting with President Lech Kaczyński of Poland. On June 9, he will visit the Vatican for his first meeting with Pope Benedict XVI, and Rome, Italy, for meetings with President Giorgio Napolitano and Prime Minister Romano Prodi of Italy. The President will then proceed to Tirana, Albania, on June 10 to meet

with President Alfred Moisiu and Prime Minister Sali Berisha of Albania, before concluding his trip in Sofia, Bulgaria, where he will meet on June 11 with President Georgi Parvanov and Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev of Bulgaria.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the funeral service of former President Boris Yeltsin of Russia on April 25: George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton (heads of delegation); and William Joseph Burns.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding on April 14–18.

April 25

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Conference.

The White House announced that the President will host President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia at the White House on May 2.

The President announced his intention to nominate James R. Keith to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy J. Powell to be Ambassador to Nepal.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen A. Seche to be Ambassador to Yemen.

The President announced his intention to nominate James K. Glassman to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and, upon appointment, to nominate him to be Chairman.

The President announced his intention to appoint William Hogarth as a U.S. Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (Government Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Todd T. Semonite as the Federal member of the Delaware River Basin Com-

mission (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania), and as the Federal member of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations: Jennifer Dunn; Terry D. Growcock; Herbert Fisk Johnson; James W. Owens; Sidney Taurel; and William Gerald Walter.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding beginning on April 15 and continuing.

April 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with the 2007 National and State Teachers of the Year.

In the evening, at Blair House, the President and Mrs. Bush visited Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan and his wife, Akie Abe. Later, in the Yellow Oval Room, they hosted a dinner for Prime Minister Abe and Mrs. Abe.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen to the White House on May 2.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore to the White House on May 4.

The President declared a major disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and inland and coastal flooding on April 14–20.

April 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD, where he welcomed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan. He then met with Prime Minister Abe.

Later in the morning, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Abe.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the 65th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea from May 3–5: Dirk Kempthorne (head of delegation); Robert D. McCallum, Jr.; and Rear Adm. James D. Kelly.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on April 15 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 26

James K. Glassman,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010 (reappointment).

James K. Glassman,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007, vice Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, term expired.

James K. Glassman,
of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, vice Kenneth Y. Tomlinson.

James R. Keith,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Malaysia.

Nancy J. Powell,
of Iowa, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-

potentiary of the United States of America to Nepal.

Stephen A. Seche,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1002

Released April 24

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: President Bush To Attend Group of Eight (G-8) Summit in Germany and Travel to the Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Albania, and Bulgaria

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: Results of Syrian Elections

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt of Sweden

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Fact sheet: No Child Left Behind: Keeping America Competitive in the 21st Century

Released April 25

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino, National Security Council Senior Director for Asian Affairs